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My dear Father Swing:

It was kind of you to acknowledge [redacted] lecture last week at Fordham; we are delighted you feel the impression he left was a lasting and provocative one. Although there is a restraint that must assuredly be exercised in the public divulgence of intelligence activity, some knowledge of what we do is peculiarly essential to anyone who would understand the policy-making processes of government. For if one is to examine the political and military decisions of his government, he must at the same time be informed of the tedious and sometimes intricate intelligence processes that produce the facts on which such judgment is premised. Certainly, one can not repose trust in public policy, unless he is equally trustful of the processes by which that policy is evolved. In helping to clarify these processes we believe we better fulfill our responsibilities to such citizens as you.

Sincerely,

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